

## Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center News on the Beal Front: **January 2, 2018**

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#### 1. A note from the Principal

Welcome back from what I hope was a really fun and relaxing break and holiday season. I have been having wonderful conversations with students today about what they did over break, what books they read, and what outdoor experiences they had (or did not have) considering the weather. I hope everyone is now well-rested and ready for an important stretch of learning time and winter experiences leading up to February Vacation. It's great to see the students back in school and amazing to think how quickly this year is moving, as we now set our sights on the mid-year point on January 23rd and the 100th Day of school on February 6th (barring snow days!)

Sincerely,  
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#### 2. Outdoor recess at Beal

As a reminder, our students go outdoors for recess when the temperature is 20 degrees and above (including wind chill). Please be sure your child has appropriate cold weather gear including hats and gloves. Please refer to classroom communications about scheduled outdoor activities that might include snow pants, boots, etc.

#### 3. Beal School Council

Beal School Council will meet on Thursday, January 18th from 3:45-4:30 p.m. in Room #3. The agenda will be dedicated to reviewing our District's Strategic Priorities as we prepare to develop our next School Improvement Plan. All are welcome; please reach out if you are interested in joining us.

#### 4. January Tuition for full day Kindergarten

January is upon us and with it comes full day Kindergarten tuition for the month. Tuition is payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools with your child's name in the memo and can be dropped off at the Beal office or mailed to: Beal Early Childhood Center, 1 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Please do not send checks to school in your child's back pack.

#### 5. Beal After School Activities Program (ASAP)

There are still openings in the A.S.A.P. classes that are starting in January. Choose from "Fitness, Friends, and Fun" "Pinkalicious" "Dance Explorers" and "Get Your Body Moving." Classes run once a week for six weeks from 3:45-4:45 and cost just \$40 for the entire session. Classes start the week of January 8th and payment will be due January 4th. You can find detailed information about the classes and links to the registration forms on the activities section of the Beal website: <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/beal/Activities.cfm>

[Beal ASAP flier](#)

#### 6. Beal Extended Day

Extended Day has limited openings in the after school program. The program runs from school dismissal until 6:00PM, Monday-Friday. Many enriching activities are planned each day, including art, stories, games, gym, dramatic play, snack and other special projects. There are also openings in the before school program (7:00AM - 9:15AM)

You can find more information about the program, including the current tuition rates, on the extended day website: <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/extendedlearning/extended-school-care.cfm>

Please email Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, if you are interested in enrolling in the program: [kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

#### 7. Information from the PTO

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium. Please join us as we begin preparing for many great spring activities including the Beal Family Dinner on Thursday, March 22nd.

Thank you to all who participated in the Beal Cookie Extravaganza! There were many wonderful cookies enjoyed by Beal Staff prior to the break. A special thank you to Ana Boehnke for organizing the event and putting together the recipe book, which can be found [here](#).

#### 8. Upcoming dates and events

Monday, January 15th- **No School**- Martin Luther King, Jr. observed  
Tuesday, January 16th- PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium  
Tuesday, February 2nd- **Early release day** for staff professional development  
Tuesday, February 13th- PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium  
Monday February 19th-Friday, February 23rd- **No School**- Presidents' Day and February Vacation  
Tuesday, March 6th- **Early release day** for staff professional development  
Tuesday, March 13th- PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium  
Thursday, March 22nd- Beal Family Dinner at Shrewsbury High School  
Tuesday, April 3rd- **Early release day** for staff professional development  
Tuesday, April 10th- PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium  
Monday April 16th-Friday, April 20th- **No School**- Patriots' Day and April Vacation